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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office has made available for public review the *Virginia Mountains Vegetation Treatments Project Draft Environmental Assessment* (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2015-0034-EA). The Project would occur in the Virginia Mountains area north of Reno and west of Pyramid Lake in Washoe County, Nevada. The Project would be implemented over a 10-year period to increase the resistance and resilience of plant communities to disturbance, and to reduce hazardous fuels to protect people, property, infrastructure, and resources from severe wildfire. The BLM has also prepared and made available a draft Programmatic Agreement to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Proposed Action is to implement vegetation treatments on approximately 22,388 acres in strategically located treatment units. Specific treatments are proposed for treatment units based on vegetation condition and management objectives. Proposed treatments include mechanical mastication of trees and brush, mechanical thinning/removal of trees, hand thinning of trees, herbicide application, prescribed fire (pile burning), and seeding. Most treatments would occur in late summer or fall, and it is anticipated that between 2,000-3,000 acres would be treated each year.

The 30-day public review period is from **June 8 to July 7, 2016**. For a copy of the draft environmental assessment, information on how to comment, and maps of the Project area go to: <http://1.usa.gov/22fu4GL>.

For more information contact: Keith Barker, Fire Ecologist, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or email at: VirginiaMtns@blm.gov. Comments can also be faxed to: 775-885-6147 Attn: Keith Barker. For more information contact Keith at: 775-885-6120.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bryant Smith', with a stylized, flowing script.

Bryant Smith
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